

REMARKS

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, leukemia cells, as the species. The claims readable on the elected species are considered to be all of the pending claims.

In accordance with MPEP § 803, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner *must* examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. For purposes of restriction/election requirement, a serious burden on the examiner may be *prima facie* shown by appropriate explanation of separate classification, or separate status in the art, or a different field of search. Applicants respectfully submit that the various cells as recited in claim 1 do not require separate classification, do not have separate status in the art, nor require a different field of search. Thus, by searching one species the Examiner is necessarily searching the other species since the species are closely related in subject matter (e.g., all of the species are cancer cells). Therefore, it would not be an undue burden to search the entire scope of all of the pending claims.

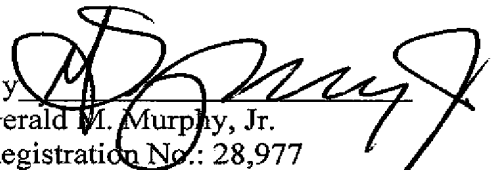
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Monique T. Cole, Registration No. 60,154 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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